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The declaration enclosed was filed with the Commissioner of Patents as evidenced by the copy of the enclosed stamped postcard receipt. Please withdraw the holding of abandonment and sent the application to the appropriate group for examination. Please advise as to status.

Respectfully submitted,

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